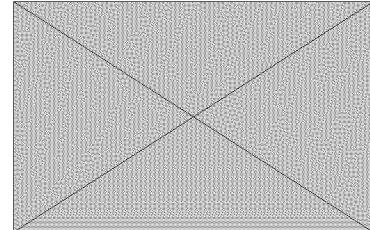


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Colorado **Gov. John Hickenlooper**, New Mexico **Gov. Susana Martinez**, and Utah **Gov. Gary Herbert** each issued Executive Orders to declare a state of emergency in the days following the devastating breach at the Gold King Mine in southwest Colorado.

The Aug. 5 spill released a plume of more than three million gallons of polluted mine waste water containing potentially harmful contaminants that flowed into the Animas River and continued downstream.

See the Western Governors' comments on the disaster, find **Environmental Protection Agency** updates, and read the latest media coverage [here](#).